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Title: Need to re-start functioning of Ranipet Railway Station in Vellore district of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. GOPAL (ARAKKONAM): Sir, Ranipet town in Vellore district in Tamil Nadu is an ancient and historical town. It is also an industrial place. Tanneries and factories are also situated in the said town. The population of the said town and surrounding villages is more than six lakhs. For the past 100 years, there had been in existence a railway station in Ranipet town. Villagers, businessmen, students and industrialists travelled only in the train running from Ranipet to Chennai. It is unfortunate that such an old railway station is not functioning now. Much hardship has been caused to the public.

Therefore, I request the hon. Railway Minister to make the Ranipet railway station functional for the convenience of six lakhs of people, and also direct the authorities to operate trains on this line by arranging connection from Walajah Road station to Chennai.